

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the Applicants cancel claims 7, 13, and 19, such that claims 1-6, 8-12, and 14-18 are pending in the application. The Applicants have amended claims 1, 11, and 18 as discussed below. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7, 15, and 19.

Claims Objected to by the Examiner

The Examiner objected to claims 7, 15, and 19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 7, essentially rewriting allowable claim 7 in independent form. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 as amended is allowable over the cited art for this and other reasons not discussed herein. Claims 2-6 and 8-10 depend from claim 1 and are thus allowable for the same reasons as claim 1, as well as for other reasons not discussed herein.

Similarly, the Applicants have amended independent claim 18 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 19, essentially rewriting allowable claim 19 in independent form. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 18 is allowable over the cited art for this and other reasons not discussed herein.

103 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 8-10 as being unpatentable over NPL (Sam's Club 803184) in view of Pietrusynski (6,416,039). The Examiner also rejected the same claims as being unpatentable over Brunnhoelzl (6,435,477) in view of Hsu (20040065871) and Pietrusynski. The Applicants have amended claim 1 as discussed above and respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is allowable over the cited art for the reasons discussed above, as well as for other reasons not discussed herein. Claims 2-6 and 8-10, which depend from claim 1, are allowable for the reasons discussed with respect to claim 1, as well as for other reasons not discussed herein.

The Examiner rejected claims 6, 11-14, and 16-18 as being unpatentable over NPL as applied to claims 1-5 and 8-10, in further view of Vesely (5,419,534). The Examiner also rejected the same claims as being unpatentable over Brunnhoelzl as applied to claims 1-5 and 8-

10, in further view of Vesely. The Applicants respectfully submit that claim 6 depends from amended claim 1 and is thus allowable for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1. As discussed above, the Applicants have amended claim 18 and respectfully submit that claim 18 is allowable over the cited art for the reasons discussed above, as well as for other reasons not discussed herein.

The Applicants have amended independent claim 11 to recite, among other things, a first lifting handle including a mount fixed to the frame and a grasping portion connected to the mount to extend at least partially between the first and second side members, the mount connected to the outer surface of one of the side members at or near the second end, and a second lifting handle opposite the first lifting handle and connected between the respective first ends of the side members. None of the references cited by the Examiner, either alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the use of first and second lifting handles positioned on the jack as recited in claim 11. Pietrusynski, which the Examiner argues teaches the use of a lifting handle attached to the rear of the jack, illustrates only a single handle at the rear of the jack and does not teach a second, similar handle mounted as claimed in claim 11. Even combining the jack of Pietrusynski with the jacks taught by NPL, Brunnhoelzl, or Vesely does not teach or suggest a jack having two lifting handles positioned on the jack as claimed in claim 11. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 11 is allowable over the cited art.

Independent claim 11 is therefore allowable for the reasons discussed above, as well as for other reasons not discussed herein. Claims 12 and 14-17 depend from claim 11 and are thus allowable for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 11, as well as for other reasons not discussed herein.

Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-6, 8-12, and 14-18 are allowable for the reasons discussed in detail above. Allowance of claims 1-6, 8-12, and 14-18 is respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone conference at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

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